Fourth Pay Commission award to Allopathic, Homoeopathic and the Indian System of Medicine in CGHS

2228. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the pay scales mentioned in the Report of Fourth Pay Commission have been awarded by the C.G.H.S. to its Allopathic and Homoeopathic physicians only and Physicians of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicines under the scheme are still runing from pillar to post for getting the new pay scales;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this type of disparity between the physicians of Indian System of Medicines;

(c) whether Government propose to give new pay scales, as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission, to the physicians of Indian system of medicines also; and

(d) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (d) The revised pay scales recommended by the IVth Pay Commission have been awarded to Allopathic doctors only. The recommendations of Fourth Pay Commission in respect of I.S.M. and Homoeopathic Physicians are under examination. No definite date for notifying the revised pay scales of I.S.M. and Homoeopathic Physicians can be given at this stage as the matter requires examination by different Ministries.

Implementation of Central Administrative Tribunals Directive

2229. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Central Administrative Tribunal's Ahmedabad Bench in suit No. T.A. 832/86 gave its decision in favour of employees working in divisions of Rajkot, Bhavnagar and Baroda Divisions of Western Railway during the month of July, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case;

(c) whether the directions of the Bench in the said case have not so far been implemented by Western Railway due to which the petitioner(s) are suffering a lot;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for non-implementation of the directions of the Bench by the Western Railway and what action Government propose to take against officials responsible for non-implementation; and

(e) by when the Government propose to get the directions of the bench of the Tribunal implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Disciplinary action against employees of Baroda Division, Western Railways

2230. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that disciplinary proceedings are to be completed within the time schedule as directed by the Railway Board in its order No. E (D&A)69RG-6-17 dated 8th January, 1971;

(b) if so, what was the number of major/minor disciplinary proceeding cases during 1st January, 1983 and 31st December, 1985 of employees of Baroda Division of Western Railways in which avoidable delay was made by the authorities and inquiries were conducted even after the retirement of employees concerned; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the administrative authorities concerned of Baroda Division for violaing the instructions contained in order referred to above and could not strictly adhere to the insructions contained in the said order ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) A model time schedule for finalisation of major penalty proceedings was prescribed in Railway Board's letter No. E(D&A)69 RG6—17 dated 8.1.1971. As per this letter, all possible measures are to be taken to ensure that the target is not exceeded. In complicated cases, it may not be practicable to finalise matters within the model time schedule.

(b) There were no cases of enquiry conducted after retirement during the relevant period.

(c) Does not arise.

Shady deal by SCI

2331. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 20th February, 1988 under the caption 'Shady deal by SCI averted : 43 cr. saved";

(b) whether it is a fact that Government negotiated with the South-Korean Shipping Company for purchase of 12 bulk carriers for the Shipping Corporation of India and in the Rs. 270 crore deal saved Rs. 43 crore by eliminating middlemen and commissions; and

(c) whether Government have taken action against the officials who have been found involved in the shady deal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. held negotiations directly with the South Korean Shipyard on a commercial basis for reduction in prices due to fall in the ship-building prices of new ships even-though it was a fixed price contract. The Shipyard agreed to reduce the price of each ship from US $ 17.5 million to US $ 15.25 million. The above savings of US $ 27 million (approx. Rs. 33.07 crores) on the 12 bulk carriers coupled with savings in interest on the yard credit came to US $ 35.26 million (approx. Rs. 43.20 crores at the then prevailing exchange rate). The order was placed by SCI on the Shipyard on the basis of global tenders and the deal was nogotiated directly by the SCI with the Yard and no middlemen were involved in the transaction. In view of the above position, the question of taking action against any official does not arise.

WHO help in Japanese Encephalitis

2232. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 137 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1988 and state :

(a) whether Government propose to approach World Health Organisation to find out the exact cause of Japanese encephalitis; and

(b) what further action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Since sufficient expertise in the prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis is available in the country, Government do not propose to approach the WHO in this regard.

This issues came up for detailed discussion in the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in its meeting held in February, 1988. The Council has recommended in integrated vector control programme for control of Malaria and other vector borne diseases like Filaria,